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<b>UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL</b>  <i>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))</i>	Attorney Docket No.	4204-00020
	First Inventor	Timothy E. Brahier
	Title	Continuous Strip Bag Feeder And Loader With Integrated Printer Assembly
	Express Mail Label No.	EV383667654US

<b>APPLICATION ELEMENTS</b> See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.	<b>ADDRESS TO:</b> Mail Stop Patent Application Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450
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☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: 10/045,435

Prior application information:

Examiner Devore, Peter T.

Art Unit: 3751

For CONTINUATION OF DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

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10	-20** = 0	X	0
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Multiple Dependent			0

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1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
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Continuation Application Of:

TIMOTHY E. BRAHIER ET AL.

Filed Herewith For:

CONTINUOUS STRIP BAG FEEDER  
AND LOADER WITH INTEGRATED  
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**Parent Application Data:**

Serial No.: 10/045,435

Filed: 11/07/2001

Group Art Unit: 3751

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**REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION APPLICATION**

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.60, of pending prior application Serial No. 10/045,435 filed on November 7, 2001 of Timothy E. Brahier and James W. Gleesing for Continuous Strip Bag Feeder And Loader With Integrated Printer Assembly.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior complete application, including the oath or Declaration as originally filed and a Declaration verifying it as a true copy.

**Applicant: TIMOTHY E. BRAHIER ET AL.**

2. The filing fee is calculated below:

<u>For</u>	<u>Number Filed</u>	<u>Number Extra</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Basic Filing Fee				\$385.00
Total Claims	10			
Independent Claims	2			
Multiple Claims	0			
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3. A check in the amount of \$385.00 is enclosed.

4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Account No. 01.2000. A duplicate of this sheet is attached.

5. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

6. Formal drawings are enclosed.

7. The prior application is assigned of record to Sharp Packaging Systems, Inc.

8. The power of attorney in the prior application is to Joseph D. Kuborn, Reg. No. 40,689, and the members of the firm Andrus, Scales, Starke & Sawall, LLP, 100 East Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 1100, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202.

(a) The power appears in the original papers of the parent application.

(b) Address all future communications to:

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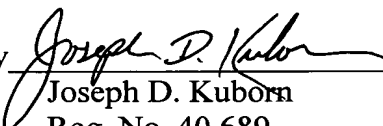
9. An Information Disclosure Statement and Supplemental Information Disclosure Statements are enclosed.

10. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of the complete application Serial No. 10/045,435 as originally filed on November 7, 2001.

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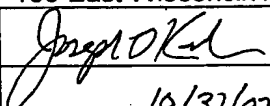
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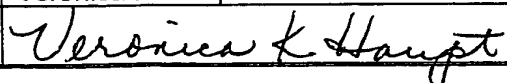
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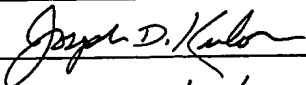
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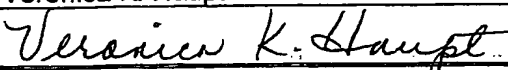
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